

News briefs

Correction

In the Aug. 30 issue of the Eifel Times, the name of Airman 1st Class Omar Spivey was misspelled.

Smart card request

People who receive items from the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron should complete the Standard Asset Tracking System Smart Card request. The smart card takes the place of signed documentation when property is issued.

Not having a smart card with the proper authorizations will prevent people from receiving property.

For more information on where to find the request form or the program, call 452-6084.

Extended duty child care

The waiver of the parent co-payment for extended duty family child care is extended through Dec. 29. This means the program is free for parents who require child care during extended duty hours.

Call Connie Wilson at 452-9022 for more information.

Remembrance ceremony

The Air Force Sergeant's Association sponsors a Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony. The group seeks the involvement of the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex communities and organizations.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Nancy Barron-Palumbo at 452-6390.

SNCO induction ceremony

The 2002 Senior Noncommissioned Officer induction ceremony takes place Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. in the base fitness center. The guest speaker is the ninth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James C. Binnicker.

Call unit first sergeants, Master Sgt. Maurice Washington at 452-4998 or Master Sgt. Jeffrey Vanscoy at 452-6730 to reserve a seat.

NCO course

Seats are available for the NCO Professional Development Course, Sept. 23-26. Nominees should be submitted to unit first sergeants.

The course takes place on the third floor of building 130. Uniform wear is BDUs.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Bingman at 452-6703.

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Airman 1st Class Jason Varnum, 23rd Fighter Squadron crew chief, logs F-16CJ oil samples into the Joint Oil Analysis Program book as Staff Sgt. Charles Smith, also a 23rd FS crew chief, prepares to turn them in during post-flight checks Aug. 29. About 80 members of the 23rd FS and 52nd Fighter Wing, and five F-16CJs deployed to the Oerland Main Air Station, Norway, recently for NATO Air Meet 2002. The event is a live-flying exercise, involving 11 countries and Headquarters Allied Air Forces North, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Bad weather puts NATO air meet on hold

23rd Fighter Squadron Hawks prepare to fly as 'good guys' in multinational exercise

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

OERLAND MAIN AIR STATION, Norway - To the disappointment of many deployed here, winds averaging 50 knots and North Sea waves surging at nine meters and higher put a damper on NATO Air Meet 2002 kick-off flights, which were scheduled to take place Monday morning.

About 80 members of the 23rd Fighter Squadron and 52nd Fighter Wing deployed on Aug. 26 to the usually quiet air

station, located on Norway's west coast, to support five Spangdahlem Air Base F-16CJs flying "blue air" in the annual live-flying exercise. As "blue air" team members, 23rd FS pilots play NATO allied forces defending against enemy "red air" forces.

The exercise, conducted by Headquarters Allied Air Forces North, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, involves the active participation of Belgian, Canadian, French, German, Greek, Dutch, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, Turkish, British and U.S. air forces.

The French air force joins the exercise as part of the normal training relations that have been established with its allies,

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Eifel medical providers realigned by squadron

By Maj. Mary Ellen Winkler
52nd Medical Support Squadron

In the old days, small towns had one doctor for the whole town who everyone turned to when they needed help. The "town" doctor was always around at community events, and was respected by all.

For many years in the Air Force, the flight surgeon has been that type of physician for his squadron. At Spangdahlem

Air Base, the 52nd Medical Group is turning back the pages of time to make medical care more personal, both on an individual and squadron level.

Six of seven, or 86 percent, of the group's family practice providers PCS this summer from the 52nd MDG and six new providers will take their place. Nearly everyone in Team Eifel will be reassigned to a new provider. So, with approval from the

wing commander, medical care will transition from primary care manager-by name to PCM-by squadron.

An entire squadron, including both active duty and family members, except those enrolled to pediatrics, will be enrolled to either the Red, White or Blue Family Practice teams or the Aerospace Medicine team - "One Squadron, One PCM Team." Pediatric patients may remain with their

assigned pediatrician at the Bitburg Annex. The opportunity for this transition couldn't be better — six new providers, the wing reorganization and Euro Lightning concept made this an easy decision.

Focused on three goals — improving readiness, increasing access and providing a

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Information operations prove to be vital in daily activities

By Airman 1st Class Paul McCullough
52nd Fighter Wing Information Assurance
Awareness Manager

By now, most people should be very familiar with force protection conditions and how the different levels affect daily activities.

However, many people are unaware of information operations condition changes. INFOCON changes, though similar to FPCON levels, are used to defend against a different type of warfare that is not limited to physical boundaries.

Today the U.S. Air Force is more dependent on it's information infrastructure to perform everyday tasks and accomplish the mission, making it a center of gravity for an adversary attack. Information superiority cannot be maintained when our adversaries have access to official information.

Every information system, for instance desktop computers, laptops, handheld devices, telephones, faxes, radios, etc., can provide a gap in the information infrastructure for an intruder to gain access to very sensitive information.

Once an adversary gains access he/she could potentially sabotage entire operations -- possibly grounding aircraft.

That's why it is important for each individual to understand the different INFOCON levels and what their responsibility is in protecting their information systems from threat.

All INFOCON updates will be reported through battle staff directives, NETSEND messages and e-mail notification. Also, the

first pop-up message that appears when logging on to the network, states the current INFOCON level.

From novice hackers to nation-state sponsored attacks, the 52nd Fighter Wing must stand ready to react and prevent information operation attacks. Pursuant to that end, the following base INFOCON system has been developed to proactively posture the wing against IO threats. Countermeasures to implement:

Alpha

- Ensure each computer has the latest anti-virus signature installed

- Consider increasing frequency of local backups

- Consider using only protected mediums of information exchange (such as STU-III phones, secure fax machines, land-mobile radios in data encryption standard mode, Secret Internet Protocol Network and theater battle management core system)

- Ensure only authorized users access base computer networks

- Report suspicious or unauthorized users to security forces at 452-6666 and unit computer security manager

- Consider changing login password if compromising indications exist

Bravo

- Complete all actions for INFOCON Alpha

- Limit e-mail within and off base to mission critical only

- Send list of mission critical authorized Internet sites to unit COMPUSEC manager

- Implement more frequent password changes on critical network resources

- Take measures to physically secure critical network resources

- Verify the identity of all personnel given access to network resources

- Begin full backup of critical information not on a network drive, i.e. hard drives

- Scan all computer disks with current anti-virus software before using

Charlie

- Complete all actions for INFOCON Alpha and Bravo

- Implement I.D. checks before allowing access to critical network systems

- Network services not essential to military operations will be eliminated

- Increase protection of external communication closets (or where local area network hardware is located), power supplies and command, control, communications, computers and intelligence.

Delta

- Complete all actions for INFOCON Alpha, Bravo and Charlie

- Non-mission critical users will be disconnected from the network

- Conduct operations in "stand-alone" mode

For more information on INFOCON or any other computer security issues contact local unit COMPUSEC managers or call the information assurance office at 452-5375.

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true "family doctor" relationship for patients, the medical group is beginning the process of realigning entire squadrons and their families to providers. Taking a close look at squadron populations and distributing them evenly across PCM teams will hopefully provide a more balanced level of access for all beneficiaries.

By placing entire squadrons with a PCM team, the medical group hopes to increase the readiness of each squadron by providing them a focal point for deployments and exercises. Finally, by moving family members of the squadrons to the same PCM we hope to establish the "family doctor" relationship and take the health care the medical group delivers to the next level.

During the coming weeks, as outpatient records and names in information systems are moved, and the reorganization is finalized, more details will be available.

People with concerns about PCM assignments should stop by either TRICARE location or call 452-3100.

Accidents

By John W. Keeler
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

Seventeen Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, three of which were major.

- The first was on K-40 between Speicher and Beilingen. A family member lost control of her vehicle hit a ditch and rolled her vehicle. There were no injuries. Security forces found contributing causes of the accident were lack of driving experience and inattentiveness while driving. The vehicle was totaled.

- The second was on B-50 at the Spangdahlem traffic circle. A local national approached the traffic circle at a high rate of speed and struck the rear of a civilian employee's vehicle. The accident investigation is still pending.

The civilian member was taken to a medical facility for evaluation, and the local national was taken to the Bitburg Krankenhaus. The civilian's vehicle sustained damage to the rear and the local national's vehicle was disabled.

- The third was in Bernkastel, involving a hit and run. An unidentified airman, driving near a pedestrian area, hit a local national with his vehicle and fled the scene.

Witnesses to the incident chased the fleeing vehicle to read the vehicle's tags.

Then they notified the Polizei. Security forces and the Polizei contacted the suspect. The investigation is still pending. The local national sustained severe head trauma and is being treated at a krankenhaus.

The 14 minor accidents involved:

- 11 from inattentive driving.

- Two while backing.

- One fleeing the scene.

In addition, 39 citations were issued.

School's back

With school now in session, drivers should look closely for increased pedestrian traffic. The following is taken from Spandahlem Air Base Instruction 31-204, sec 3.17:

"Anyone cited for speeding in the area of a school zone or school bus stop may be subjected to a 30-day suspension of their driving privileges. At no time will a vehicle pass a stopped school bus that is picking up or letting children off the bus (applies to bus stops on-base or in government-leased housing areas)."

People who witness improper vehicular traffic, incidents or safety measures, should visit the 52nd Security Forces Squadron and complete an Air Force Form 1168 or call 452-6666.

Hawks

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according to HQ AIRNORTH public information office officials. Aircraft participating in the meet include F-16, Mirage 2000N, F-4F, Tornado IDS, Tornado Navy, F-18 and F-15A fighter jets; DA 20 jets; E-3A/F AWACS surveillance aircraft; KC-130, C-135F and KC-135 tankers; and C-130 cargo aircraft.

The overall objective of the annual exercise is to improve interoperability in the air and on the ground, said Exercise Director Maj. Gen. J. T. Bakker, Royal Air Force Netherlands, during an opening ceremony Sunday.

"We will do this through the exchange of information and by learning from each other," he said. "We will do so by implementing as many lessons as possible from previous operations and exercises."

The advantage of participating in NAM 2002 is that it provides the 23rd FS unique opportunity to practice its tactical warfighting skills on a large scale in a European environment, said Lt. Col. Steven Kempf, squadron commander.

"If NATO ever goes to war again, it will use air forces in specific CAMAOs or Combined Air Operations," he explained. "This is basically a group of dissimilar aircraft from NATO countries working to accomplish a common mission. These

missions are complicated and require extensive communication and teamwork. Therefore, any opportunity we get to practice these large-force employment skills provide our pilots that much more experience to draw upon should NATO ever be called into action."

Throughout the exercise, officials will also evaluate tactics for future composite air operations with emphasis on the suppression of enemy air defenses and electronic warfare, according to HQ AIRNORTH public information office officials.

Throughout the exercise, the 23rd FS will primarily hone its SEAD skills, hunting down and destroying air defense units, such as anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles, so other allied aircraft can reach their targets, Kempf said.

"It's a tough mission and the 23rd FS will get many opportunities to practice it in NAM 2002," he said. "It's extremely opportune that the 23rd FS is able to participate in such a quality, large force exercise in our own backyard."

More than 1,100 military members are here to support 77 aircraft from the 12 participating nations and NATO headquarters. Most of the flying throughout the event takes place in the daytime, with the exception of night-flying operations Sept. 6 over northern Norway.

Ready for the NCO corps

Airman Leadership School graduates 49

By Staff Sgt. Latitia R. Austin
Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Dale L. Winters received top honors from Airman Leadership School Class 02-7.

During the Aug 29 graduation ceremony, the 52nd Medical Operations Squadron member received the John L. Levitow and Leadership awards. Senior Airman Andrea Bixler, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, received the class academic achievement award.

Distinguished graduates were Bixler and Senior Airmen Amos Kittleston, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Sarah J. Knoll, 52nd Operation Support Squadron; Charles J. Loner, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands.

The other 44 senior airmen graduating were:

Eagle Flight

Lionel Cortes, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Mark A.

Beltran Jr., 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Harold Goode II, 752nd MUNSS; Jeanette L. Huffman, 52nd AMDS; Jonathan Jordan, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; Kenneth C. Palacios, 606th Air Control Squadron; Eric J. Person, 52nd MDOS; Eric W. Thompson, 52nd Communications Squadron; and Antaeus D. Woodson, 52nd CMS.

Falcon Flight

Joshua Birch, 52nd CMS; John D. Brogdon, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; Stephen D. Dunham, 52nd EMS; Douglas S. Fox, 52nd CES; Marlene T. Gerald, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base; Travis Hill, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; David S. Marques, 52nd Dental Squadron; Danielle C. McEachern, 52nd AMDS; Philip J. McLawhorn, 606th ACS; Daniel J. Noone, 52nd CES; Robert Salcido, Jr., 52nd CMS; and Brian E. Valentine, 52nd Munitions Support Squadron,

Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium.

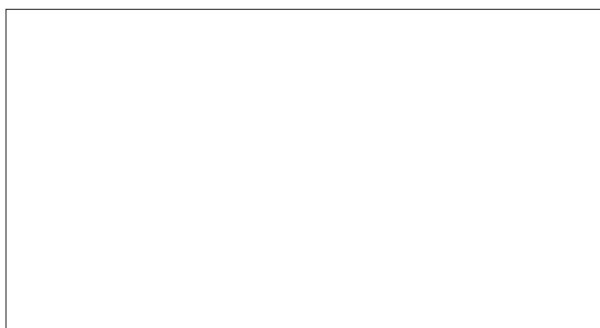
Warthog Flight

Ulises Alfaro, 52nd CES; Misty S. Dawson, 52nd MUNSS; Lance E. Evans, Jr., 22nd Fighter Squadron; Lizzie Fulsom, 52nd SFS; Patrick W. Goupil, 52nd EMS; Cortez J. Jackson, 52nd EMS; Matthias Jung, 52nd EMS; Jamar J. Long, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; Alex L. Pellom, Jr., 52nd CES; Debra Spivey, 52nd LRS; and Ericka B. VanKoughnet, 52nd MDOS.

Magic Flight

Joseph B. Andrews, 52nd CS; Eric C. Grant, 52nd EMS; Koby J. Harding, Jr., 752nd MUNSS; Jason M. Levesque, 52nd CES; Genaro Moreno, 52nd CMS; Anthony C. Satterwhite, 52nd CMS; Theodore Seibold, 52nd LRS; Marcquis R. Simon, 81st Fighter Squadron; Geoffrey A. Roth, 23rd Fighter Squadron; and Sunee Toejin, 752nd MUNSS.

Eifel Elite



Tech. Sgt. Bonnie A. White

Staff Sgt. Harry E. Bounds, 52nd CES, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Harry E. Bounds

Unit: 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Duty title: Explosive ordnance disposal craftsman

Hometown: St. Peters, Mo.

Time in service: 11 years

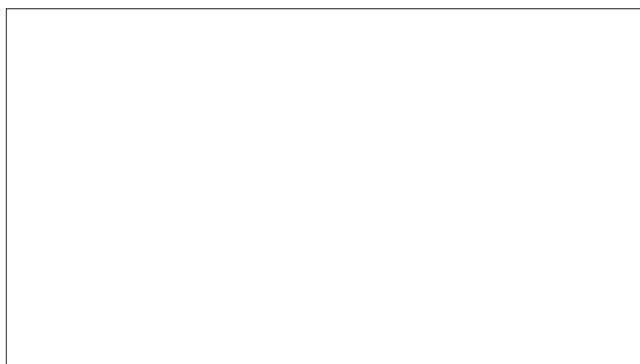
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Staff Sergeant Bounds leads EOD teams in responding to incidents involving everything from possible terrorist bombs to wing aircraft and associated weapons system emergencies.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Vice president of Airmen Against Drunk Driving, volunteered to work squadron booth during Bitburg BASH, volunteer duty driver during Civil Engineer Summer Fest.

What do you do for fun? Or, What's a fun thing you've done lately? I enjoy winding down at the end of the day playing my guitar and singing for my 2-year-old daughter Brianna. I also enjoy traveling around the Eifel area to the various festivals. We had a ball at the Wittlich Pig Fest this year.

What do you like most about being stationed here? The whole "European experience." I enjoy traveling around and taking in the history and interacting with locals.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I would really like to see more services available after hours at both Bitburg and Spangdahlem.



Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

This week's Top Saber Team consists of members of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements Team. The SABER program expedites base civil engineer requirements by reducing design work and acquisition lead times.

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron SABER (Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements) Team

Unit responsibilities: SABER makes it happen. The SABER program expedites base civil engineer requirements by reducing design work and acquisition lead times. They allow the 52nd Fighter Wing to accomplish simple construction work quickly. The CE side coordinates with the users, defines the scope, manages the construction, and coordinates the turnover of SABER projects to a single, local contractor. The contracting side tracks progress, coordinates financial issues and ensures contract compliance. Working together, this team provides quick execution of minor construction and maintenance and repair projects for the 52nd FW.

Number of members: Five civil engineer members and four contracting members.

Team's latest contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: By compressing a month-long process into one-day, we secured \$420,000 on a moments notice from U.S. Air Forces in Europe in support of the recent wing re-organization. This allowed us to upgrade the aerospace ground equipment facility, the new offices for the three fighter squadron commanders with their support staffs and renovate a building for the new 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Without this massive one-day effort, these projects would not have been done until sometime in 2003.

Spang firefighters benefit from traveling rescue course

By Master Sgt. Anthony Fornicola
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron fire and emergency services training chief

The fire dispatcher picks up the ringing emergency phone line. The distressed person on the line conveys a bad accident has occurred and needs help now. Information is collected and fire crews are dispatched.

The incident could be anything from a minor fender bender or a major operation consuming countless man-hours and pieces of equipment. The responding crews have to be able to handle the situation or lives could be lost and property could be destroyed.

All basic operations are covered through the basic fire school and then on-the-job training, once personnel are assigned to their first base. But what happens if this situation is bigger or more complex than anything they have seen before. Enter the 617th Construction Training Squadron, Fire Protection Traveling Training Element.

This team of highly motivated and talented fire instructors teaches base firefighters the complex training techniques to handle numerous unique emergency situations. This two-week class, which ran here Aug. 19-30, is geared toward situations that require advanced, out of the box thinking by everyone.

There are a couple of academic days but most of the two weeks are spent with equipment in-hand and situations that need resolving quickly and correctly. After all the ground work is laid out in the classroom, firefighters move outside to start the hands-on portion of the class under the watchful eyes of the master instructors.

First on the agenda is high angle rescue. One of the reasons this technique would be used is when someone is trapped on the middle floor of a high-rise structure. If all interior escape routes are blocked by smoke or fire, firefighters can make a rescue by going outside the building,

scaling down the side to connect with the victim. After strapping victims into a harness, they can descend down together to safety. All of this is accomplished with ropes, harnesses, and metal connectors in conjunction with the rescuer's advanced knowledge and the teamwork of the fire crew working the problem.

Other techniques taught under this block of instruction are structure-to-structure high line operations, technical rope rescue, and emergency operations completed by the rescuer if ropes are broken or damaged during a rescue attempt. Another block of instruction is confined space rescue. This is the art of entering an underground opening to rescue someone who is incapacitated or injured.

Advanced training and situation unique equipment is possibly the only thing that stands between life and death with persons trapped underground. Ask the nine miners in Quecreek Mine Works, Penn., if they have any question about how their lives were saved by people with correct equipment and know-how.

Operational training in confined space covers entry equipment set-up, entrance into the space, locating and packaging the victim, and removal of both the rescuer and rescued. Complex pulley systems and multiple rope arrangements are used for each and every rescue operation. This is a very uncommon rescue but at Spangdahlem Air Base there are many documented confined spaces where this situation could occur.

A more common and very realistic scenario is the possibility of a multiple car accident. With B-50 right outside the gate and high-powered cars priced for all who desire them, speed and inexperienced operators are the driving force behind this block of instruction. Here the firefighters are instructed in unique situations where numerous vehicles and victims are involved.

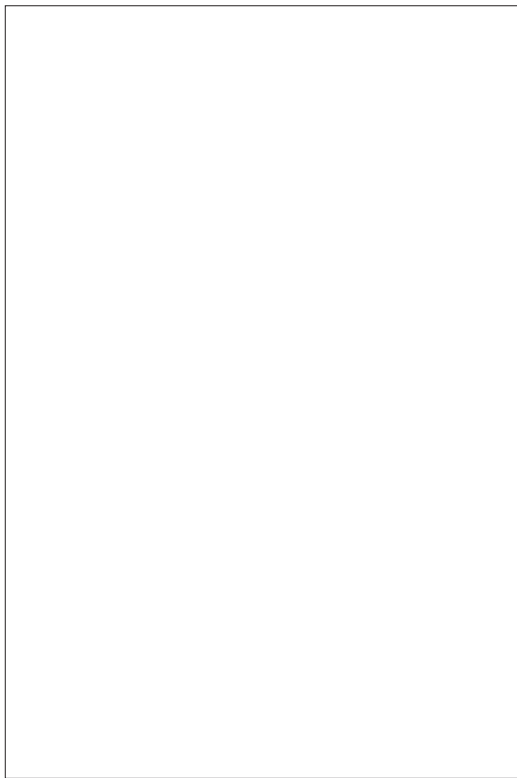
Separating the scene into sectors and assigning firefighters to certain jobs within those sectors is one aspect of this class. They are taught advanced procedures for both hand and powered pneumatic tools. They are shown the capabilities of each tool and innovative ways in which to use them. Shown are the weak points on most vehicles and how to exploit them during a rescue operation.

The art of disentanglement is shown, where the vehicle is taken away from the victim rather than the victim being taken out of the vehicle. Numerous vehicles are used for practice so students can apply what they have learned. Each block or instruction is capped off by each student taking a certification test to ensure all knowledge is retained and hands-on training is evaluated by the instructors.

After the two weeks are complete and all blocks of instruction are finished and passed, only then are these firefighters deemed rescue technicians.

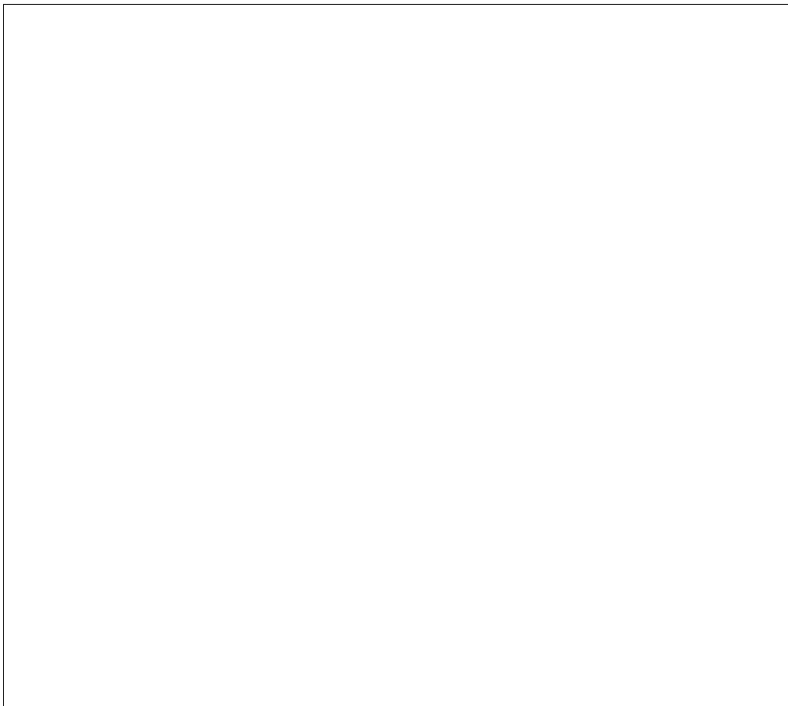
According to Chief Master Sgt. George Chambers, chief of fire and emergency services for Spangdahlem AB, it was an outstanding opportunity for Spang firefighters to go through the class.

Normally only one student could go to Ramstein Air Base or Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, to attend this training, but this traveling class allows 10-12 firefighters to participate in this very demanding class. Having the school come here was a win-win situation for the department and the biggest winner is the community the department serves. This was a very demanding class, but for the firefighters who go through it, it means a better understanding of the possible situations that they may face and a renewed sense of confidence that they can handle the problem, whatever the size.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Bonnie A. White

Airman 1st Class Mizael Payan, firefighter from the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, gets ready to descend from the balcony of a vacant Spangdahlem Air Base housing unit.



Staff Sgt. James Maynard, 52nd CES firefighter, lowers himself from a vacant Spangdahlem Air Base housing unit during high-line rescue training recently. Firefighters train on high-line rescue operations for cases where they may need to carry victims when rescue from the ground is not possible.

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Col. Stephen Mueller

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Are your bags ready?

By Lt. Col. Timothy Strawther
22nd Fighter Squadron commander

At Spangdahlem Air Base, we can never lose
our readiness edge. At any given moment, the
special skills represented by the men and women
of Team Eifel may be called upon to travel to
points unknown.

In 1999, the 23rd Fighter Squadron was
recalled from a continental United States Red Flag
deployment to deploy to Aviano Air Base, Italy.
The unit had less than 22 hours to be in place for
what became the start of Operation Allied Force.

Many members of the Hawks had only Nevada-
style warm weather clothing as they arrived in
chilly temperatures of Northern Italy in February.

In 2000, the 81st Fighter Squadron deployed to
Croatia, despite having the majority of the
squadron located at Operation Southern Watch. To
put the right level of supervision on-scene, the
squadron commander was recalled from the desert.
He had only hours on the ground in Germany
(after being TDY for 78 days), before he led a
contingent of A-10s, troops and equipment to an
unexpected part of the world.

In 2001, the 22nd Fighter Squadron received
the call to generate and deploy six F-16CJs as part
of the initial U.S. Air Forces in Europe Operation
Enduring Freedom response. This activity
occurred during homecoming weekend for Bitburg
High School while Force Protection Charlie
measures were in effect.

Each of these recent historical examples
underscores the ability of our people to "make it
happen," at a moment's notice. These successful
events were a total 52nd Fighter Wing team effort
that occurred from a cold start. Yet, we proved,
again, there is nothing beyond our grasp when our
nation calls us to action.

At any given time, comm warriors, medical
professionals, security forces or services
specialists, to name a few, get the nod to visit "new
and exciting" places to fill critical billets in our war
against terrorism.

In the next few weeks, Team Eifel will have the
opportunity to validate a concept that we already
have set the standard. Soon, inspectors assigned to
the USAFE inspector general staff will evaluate
our ability to react to a short-notice tasking to
move people, jets and parts.

We will accomplish this test under the auspices
of a vision called Euro Lightning. The concept is
nothing new for our people. We have done it
before and we will do it again. This time we will
demonstrate, with evaluator oversight, how the rest
of the world needs to put the plan into action. And,
we will meet the challenge while we reorganize
three of our groups under the Air Force chief of
staff's direction.

All of us have a part to play. Medical readiness,
personnel readiness, aircraft generation, command
and control, mobility processing, ammunition
loading procedures and effective flying are just
some of the key processes for this evaluation. Yet,
none of these areas are more important than the
individual actions we all can take to "Beat the IG."
Our winning attitude will make it impossible for
the inspectors not to see what we already know —
this is an outstanding team.

Keep smiling as we prepare for the operational
readiness inspection. We are just refining some
key skills as we get ready for the next scheduled
event. Don't forget to keep your mobility bag
packed ... you just never know when the next
phone call will be for you!

Jewish High Holy Days

A time set aside for self examination

By Master Sgt. Dave Berry
52nd Operations Group first sergeant

I think all of the world's religions have a special time or season where
people are required to evaluate their deeds for the past year. A time where
we look hard at ourselves, and if required, seek forgiveness from man and
God. To the Jew, this time is called the "Yomim Noraim," the Days of
Awe or simply the Jewish High Holy Days.

This particular season includes Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year,
and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. According to an ancient Jewish
tradition, Rosh Hashanah marks the birthday of the world,
commemorating God's creation.

The Yomim Noraim, from ancient times, has been a time set aside for
Jews to evaluate their deeds, both good and bad, make amends, and seek
forgiveness from both man and God. However, before we as Jews can
seek God's forgiveness, we must first seek the forgiveness of those we
have wronged. Therefore, we who are Jews, consider this season to be the
holiest time of the year.

Ancient Jewish tradition says that we are judged on Rosh Hashanah,
and on Yom Kippur the judgment is sealed. But, repentance (Teshuvah),

prayer (Tefilah), and charity (Tzedakah) can temper judgment's decree. To
aid us in our endeavor, we recite special penitential prayers called
"Techinot" and "Pizmonim", sound the Shofar (rams horn) calling us to
remember our past deeds and fast on Yom Kippur. The period of special
prayer actually begins a month prior to the High Holy Day season.

One might ask, Jew and non-Jew, "What does all of this mean to me?"
Think of it, a world where everyone respects the rights of others ... where
we consider our treatment of others ... and make amends for what we have
done wrong. We would probably have a world based on "universal" peace,
where race, religion, gender, or any other factor people have used to
discriminate or mistreat others, would disappear. The Messianic dream of
so many of our world's religions would finally be realized.

All having been said and done, coupled with our feelings of solemnity,
resting assured that our penitence has been heard, we set out to build our
"Sukkah" (booth) in observance of Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles).

Services for the Jewish High Holy Days will be held at the base chapel
today at 5 p.m. for Rosh Hashanah, and Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. for Yom
Kippur. For more information, call me at 452-6294. A "Lashana Tohva" to
all, may everyone be written into the "Book of Life." Shalom.

Direct Line

Bird problem

Question: I've been struggling with a
housing issue for 1 1/2 years now. I have
lived in Spangdahlem base housing since
September 2000. When we moved in, we
noticed four bird's nests on the windward end of
the apartment and lots of bird waste beneath
each. I contacted housing about cleaning it up
and was told I'd have to do it myself. I live on the
third floor.

I was then informed it's against German law
to damage bird nests and I'd have to wait until
the birds migrate in the winter for the nests to be

removed. These birds never left.

I contacted entomology about the issue and
they told me they couldn't help, either.

During this past summer, I couldn't ventilate
my house again because of the bird waste on the
windowsills. I don't know who else to contact
about this, but I would appreciate if something
could be done. This can't be healthy.

Answer: Thank you for bringing this to
my attention. It's obvious you have
done the most you can to solve this
problem and we still need to do some work. If

you were moved into a house that was not suffi-
ciently cleaned to Air Force standards, that's
unacceptable, I apologize. Our contractors will
be instructed on the criticality of properly clean-
ing and inspecting quarters prior to assignment.

We have scheduled the nest removal for Oct.
1; unfortunately, that's the earliest we can
remove them since they are protected between
May 1 and Sept. 30 by German law.

I apologize for your inconveniences and hope
to quickly solve this problem. If you have any
other question or concerns, please call the
housing office at 452-6036.

Community Mailbox

School news

■The Bitburg Middle School registrar's new office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon. Parents who need to register students or have questions about schedules, absences or other issues can call Janet Hinskey at 452-9031 or 452-9332.

■Spangdahlem Elementary School plans various events for Wednesday's Sept. 11 anniversary. The intent is to focus on the positive outcomes of Americans coming together, showing courage, compassion and a spirit of community. Planned activities include:

A display in the main entrance for American Character Week, counseling lessons in each class about heroes and community helpers and books on display in the library about character. An assembly for all classes takes place at 8:10 a.m. by the flagpole. A flag will be raised that flew over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

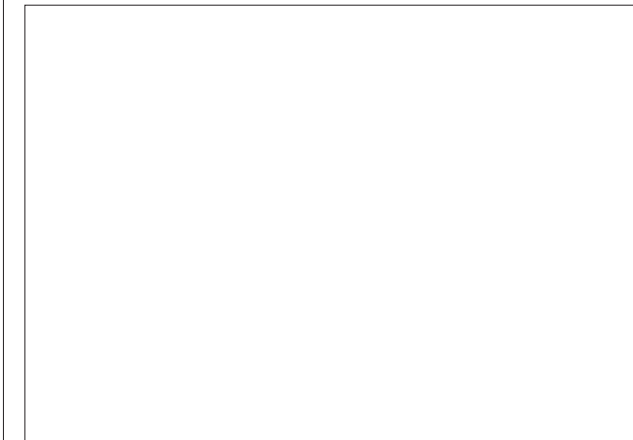
Parents and community members are invited to attend the flag-raising ceremony. Student participation in the event is optional. For more information, call Barbara Triplett at 452-6881 or 452-5065.

■The Spangdahlem Elementary School Parent, Teacher, Student Association holds a volunteer orientation Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the new parent resource center, Room 239.

New volunteers will be given a tour of the school, learn where supplies are and how to operate equipment. They'll also be able to talk to volunteer representatives from the American Red Cross and family support center. Volunteers will also be given a chance to sign-up for PTSA projects and events happening throughout the school year. It is not mandatory to be a PTSA member to volunteer at the school.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jennifer Hirschfield at 452-6881 or e-mail jpeterkah@hotmail.com.

■Bitburg Elementary School holds a child-find screening Sept. 24. The screening is for 3-5-year old children with a suspected delay in language, social, motor, cognitive and/or self-help skills.



Kimberly Prey

Back to school bash

Liz Nuyts, music teacher, discusses music opportunities with parents at the 3rd Annual Back to School at the James Van Dierendonck Elementary School on Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base. This event is held before the first day of school each year, and gives parents and students the opportunity to meet teachers and receive information from various "kid-related" base organizations.

For more information or to sign-up for a screening, call 452-921

■Spangdahlem Elementary School holds a child-find screening Sept. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The screening is for 3-4-year old children with a suspected delay in language, social, motor, cognitive and/or self-help skills.

The screening is open to children whose parents reside on Spangdahlem Air Base, or in the Spangdahlem AB "feeder plan."

For more information or to sign-up for a screening, call 452-5071 or 452-6881.

Spouses' meeting

■The 52nd Communications Squadron Spouses' Group meets Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel Annex.

For more information, call Patty Hutson at 06553-900331.

Natural family planning course

A four-part natural family planning course takes place today at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. in building 139. The third and fourth

classes are scheduled for Oct. 18-19.

The Sympto-Thermal Method is a modern form of fertility awareness for couples wishing to achieve or avoid pregnancy.

For more information, call Carole Hart at 06565-933079 or e-mail catholicfamily@t-online.de. People can also visit www.ccli.org for more information.

Talent show

The King Citadel Military Lodge 163 holds a talent show in October, similar to Apollo Nite.

People who sing, rap, read poetry or find themselves funny should call Tech. Sgt. Raul Wilshire at 452-6286, Master Sgt. Rickley Berry at 452-7999 or Senior Master Sgt. Ken Sturdivant at 452-7512.

Scholarships

■Target is awarding four \$10,000 and more than 2,100 \$1,000 scholarships for leadership and volunteerism to recent high school graduates and college students enrolled in college for the 2003-2004 fall term.

Final selections are based on service hours, volunteer leadership awards, recommendations and a minimum grade point average of 2.0. Applications are due by Nov. 1. For more information or to download an application, visit http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/scholarship.jhtml.

■University of Maryland offers a variety of \$500 scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate studies that can be used for Term 2 tuition and books.

Students who already receive financial aid are still eligible to apply. To apply, students should check with the education center to find out the requirements for each of the scholarships. Some requirements may vary but all scholarships require an essay.

The deadline for application is today. Call the education center at 452-6063 or visit www.ed.umuc.edu.

Tuition assistance

People who need tuition assistance for fiscal 2002 must visit the education office by Sept. 13 at 4:30 p.m. No TAs will be issued from Sept. 16-30. This does not include spouse TA. For more information, call 452-6063.

La Leche League

The La Leche League meets Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Hospital conference room.

Meetings are open to mothers who are interested in or currently breastfeeding. Nurlings and children are welcome.

For more information, call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 or Alice DaFoe at 06561-683893.

Boost Up Program

Military members can take advantage of a new program to "boost up" Military GI Bill benefits by up to \$5,400 by contributing up to \$600.

This program is only open to active-duty members who first entered active-duty on or after July 1, 1985.

Eligible participants may take advantage of this program at any time while on active duty. The benefit is not open to Vietnam-era "rollover" personnel or VEAP convertees.

For more information, call the education center at 452-6063.

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Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle**Today**

K19: The Widowmaker (PG-13)

Inspired by a true story, the film follows Capt. Alexi Vostrikov who, at the height of the Cold War, is ordered to take over command of the nuclear missile submarine K-19, pride of the Soviet Navy. His assignment: prepare the K-19 for sea and take her out on patrol - no matter what the cost. But problems with the K-19 arise that may lead to a core-meltdown and explosion that will certainly kill all aboard, and possibly trigger a nuclear war. (Disturbing images)

Saturday

K19: The Widowmaker (PG-13)

Sunday

The Bourne Identity (PG-13)

Set against dramatic European backdrops, this is the story of a man, salvaged, near death, from the ocean by the crew of an Italian fishing boat. When he recuperates, the man suffers from total amnesia. He is completely without identity or background, but possesses a range of extraordinary talents in fighting, linguistic skills and self-defense that speak of a dangerous past. He sets out on a desperate search-assisted by the initially rebellious Marie to discover who he really is, and why he is being pursued by assassins. (Violence and some language)

Closed Monday and Tuesday**Wednesday**

Scooby Doo (PG)

Scooby Doo and the Mystery Inc. gang take their animated antics to the big screen as a live-action movie. In this story, Fred, Daphne, Velma and Shaggy have a bit of a falling out and go their separate ways, but they're drawn back together again by fate, in this case taking the form of the mysterious Spooky Island amusement park.

Thursday

The Bourne Identity

Spangdahlem Skyline**Today**

Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)

It's been three years since Austin Powers, that swinging international man of mystery, has had to face his arch enemy, Dr. Evil. But after Dr. Evil and his accomplice Mini-Me escape from a maximum-security prison, Austin is called to action once more in this third installment of the highly successful Austin Powers movie franchise. Teaming up with the mysterious yet peculiar Goldmember, Dr. Evil hatches a time-traveling scheme to take over the world, one that involves the kidnapping of Nigel Powers, Austin's beloved father and England's most renowned spy. As he chases the villains through time, Austin visits 1975 and joins forces with his old flame, Foxy Cleopatra, a streetwise but stylish detective. Together Austin and Foxy must find a way to save Nigel and stop Dr. Evil and Goldmember from their mischievous mayhem. (Sexual innuendo, crude humor and language)

Juwanna Mann (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

Jamal Jeffries and his trash-talking, ball-bogging, team-hating ways get him booted out of the league. When his fancy accessories—crib, cars, ultra-fine girlfriend—drizzle away as quickly as his career, a desperate, financially-strapped Jamal takes his last shot at crashing the boards. Transforming himself into female power forward "Juwanna Mann," Jamal scores a tryout with the only pro organization that will take him—the women's league. It's tough enough for Jamal/Juwanna to contend with fierce competition on the court and proper protocol in the ladies' locker room, but his identity crisis hits another snag when he falls for team captain Michelle Langford. Too bad Michelle is already tight with smooth-talking lady killer Romeo, a dawg with moves sprung straight from Jamal's old bad boy playbook. (Language and sex-related material)

Austin Powers in Goldmember (midnight)

Saturday

Hey Arnold (PG)

Arnold is Nickelodeon's football-headed, untucked-shirted, city-living, stickball-playing kid toon star. Arnold lives in his grandparents' boarding house with a group of eccentric grown-ups who don't always get along. Together with his cool-as-ice best pal Gerald, tough-as-nails Helga-the-girl who both hates and loves him and the rest of the gang from the neighborhood, Arnold tackles life in the big city the best way a wise-beyond-his-years fourth-grader knows how.

Austin Powers in Goldmember (10 p.m.)

Sunday

Hey Arnold

Monday

Juwanna Mann

Tuesday

Austin Powers in Goldmember

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Bad Duerkheim hosts wine festival

582-year old fest
world's largest

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The world-famous Bad Duerkheim Wine and Sausage Fest, or Wurstmart, has been celebrated annually for 582 years.

This year's festival takes place today through Tuesday and Sept. 13-16. Giant fire works displays take place Tuesday and Sept. 16 at 9 p.m.

The Wurstmart found its origin in 1417 in the Saint Michaelstag market, which was a sales market, held by the Limburg abbey in front of the Saint Michaels pilgrims chapel. However, there are assumptions the market dates back to even earlier days.

In former times the market received widespread attention and was very important economically for the town of Bad Duerkheim.

During bad times, especially during World Wars I and II, the market was often postponed or canceled.

Starting in 1750, the market became a more steady institution and the demand among the population for sausage drastically increased at the three day event. In 1800, the market turned into a great festival and in 1832 it was started to be called Wurstmart.

Today the traditional sausage market is considered the world's greatest wine festival. It starts the second weekend in September at the Bruehlwiesen grounds.

File photo by Iris Reiff
Amusement rides like this one are among the many attractions at this weekend's festival in Bad Duerkheim.

Visitors consume more than 220,000 liters of wine; 400,000 pounds of meat and 60,000 chickens. There are three festival halls with 1,300 seats each, 36 wine tents where German brass bands perform, a big amusement park and more than 40 sausage and chicken food stands and 36 historical wine stands, featuring over 250 different wines.

A huge amusement ride park features a 65-meter long family roller coaster, the Super Family Slide, the Break Dancer ride, the Happy Sailor ride, and the Salto

Mortale ride, which is a 59-meter high free fall tower, the highest ride on the grounds. There's also the Frisbee Family ride, a haunted house, the Super Wave Flyer, the Dynamic Trip simulator ride and more.

Other rides and attractions are five different children's rides, to include carousels, three huge raffle-win-a-prize booths, 28 candy stands, 20 game stands, 55 fast food booths and 59 ordinary sales booths.

Music and entertainment will be provided throughout the festival in and outside the festival halls and tents. Among the highlights will be a historical play and a special Wurstmart market exhibition as well as two fireworks displays. The world's largest wine barrel is also one of the top attractions.

In the Duerkheim area almond trees bear their first flower buds as early as February, followed by the yellow forsythia. Protected by the forests and influenced by sub-tropical winds that waft in from Southern France, even lemons, figs and kiwi fruit can be grown, as well as rich nourishing grapes, which make a most excellent wine.

Bad Duerkheim is a spa resort located in the heart of the Pfalz region along the scenic Deutsche Weinstrasse or German Wine Street, between Kaiserslautern and Mannheim.

Because of the central location of Bad Duerkheim, bus and rail connections are perfect for those who would rather not drive to the festival.

Out and About

(Note: Events are subject to change at short notice. To double-check on an event prior to attending, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can say whether an event was canceled.)

■ See riding performances, games and a presentation of tournament riders, music and entertainment during the Spangdahlem Sonnenhof big summer and riding club set-up party Saturday. Activities start at 3 p.m. with coffee and cake.

■ Bitburg sponsors a small town festival Saturday through Monday.

■ Radeln ohne Grenzen features a traffic-free bicycling day between Neuburg, Weissenburg and Dahn.

■ Plan to attend a unique book fair in Vianden, Luxembourg, Sept. 13-15.

■ The Rhine will be set aflame with fire works displays at 10 p.m., Sept. 21 in St. Goar and St. Goarhausen. Call 06741-383 for more information.

■ Munich's famous Oktoberfest takes place Sept. 21 through Oct. 6.

Information, Tickets and Tours offers

the following tours in September and October.

People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activity Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex ITT office at 06561-945937 for details.

■ Bad Duerkheim wine and sausage festival, Saturday. Cost is \$20 for ages 3-12, \$25 for adults.

■ Berlin express, Saturday. Cost is \$69 for ages 3-12, \$79 for adults.

■ Paris express, Sept. 14. Cost is \$75 for ages 3-17, \$89 for adults.

■ Cologne City and chocolate museum, Sept. 14. Cost is \$30 for ages 3-12, \$35 for adults.

■ Venice and Nove, Italy, Sept. 13-14. Cost is \$100 for a single seat, \$130 for a double seat.

■ Oktoberfest express, Sept. 21. Cost is \$75 for adults.

■ Rhein in Flames, St. Goar, Sept. 21. Cost is \$80.

■ Medieval Dinner at Cochem Castle, Sept. 21. Cost is \$65.

■ Oktoberfest, Sept. 22-23. Cost is

\$229 for adults.

■ Oktoberfest express, Sept. 28. Cost is \$75 for adults.

■ Brussels express, Sept. 28. Cost is \$35 for ages 3-12 and \$40 for adults.

■ Oktoberfest, Oct. 5-6. Cost is \$219 for adults.

■ Oktoberfest express, Oct. 5. Cost is \$75 for adults.

■ Karlsbad and Flea market shopping, Oct. 11-12. Cost is \$60 for single seat, \$90 for double seat.

■ Heidelberg Bazaar, Oct. 12. Cost is \$20 for children, \$25 for adults.

■ Medieval Dinner at Cochem Castle, Oct. 12. Cost is \$65.

■ Berlin, Oct. 12-13. Cost is \$134 for ages 3-12, \$159 for adults.

■ Poland shopping express, Oct. 18-19. Cost is \$80 for single seat, \$110 for double seat.

■ Paris delight, Oct. 19-20. Cost is \$134 for ages 3-12 and \$189 for adults.

■ Frankenstein's Castle and Halloween party, Oct. 26. Cost is \$39.

■ Halloween at Disneyland, Oct. 26. Cost is \$69 for ages 3-11 and \$79 for adults.

Spang men's varsity softball team claims USAFE crown

By Tech. Sgt. J.C. Woodring
48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

ROYAL AIR FORCE

LAKENHEATH, England - Incirlik Air Base's women and Spangdahlem Air Base's men edged out both Ramstein Air Base teams to take the U.S. Air Forces in Europe varsity softball championship finals held Sunday.

Men and women from RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall, England; Spangdahlem and Ramstein Air Bases, Germany; Incirlik AB, Turkey; and Aviano Air Base, Italy; competed here in the championships, which began Aug. 27.

The champions and both Ramstein AB teams will compete here in the Army vs. Air Force championship this weekend.

Men

Spangdahlem's men defeated Ramstein with overwhelming firepower to win the USAFE championship, 24-18.

Ramstein started the game with four runs in the top of the first inning only to be slammed by Spangdahlem's out-of-the-park homers by Joshua Williams and Jeff Dahlke who each brought in two runs. The inning ended with Spangdahlem up, 8-4.

In the second inning, Ramstein added a couple runs to their side while a double-play kept Spangdahlem from scoring but still up, 8-6.

Ramstein edged closer in the top of the third inning with one run, but Spangdahlem's rally earned them 11 more runs including a two-run homer by Brian Hendon and a single-run smash by Ray Delgado. Spangdahlem ended up, 19-7.

In the top of the fourth, Ramstein made a slight comeback with three runs, but Spangdahlem returned with two of their own including another monster, two-run homer by Dahlke, pushing Spangdahlem up, 21-10.

Ramstein made some ground in the fifth inning scoring three unanswered runs, 21-13.

With what looked like a go-ahead rally, Ramstein started the sixth inning with Mark

Noll and Jason Carroll pelting balls over the left-field fence. Ramone Young also slammed one over the right-field fence for two more runs.

Spangdahlem answered with three runs of their own, finishing the inning up, 24-17.

In the seventh inning, Ramstein only managed to squeak out one run, losing the game and the championship, 24-18.

Women

In a heart-racing game, Incirlik's women defeated Ramstein with a crack to center field and bases loaded in the bottom of the 10th inning to win what may be their first-ever USAFE championship, 10-9.

The game began with Ramstein taking an early lead with two unanswered runs in the first inning to go ahead, 2-0.

In the second inning, Ramstein jumped further ahead, rounding five more batters to take a demanding lead, 7-1.

The scoreless third inning was apparently enough of a break for Incirlik's team to start kicking into gear; they scored three unanswered runs in the fourth to end the inning, 7-4.

Ramstein turned up the heat, scoring two in the top of the fifth, while Incirlik stranded two runners, leaving Ramstein up, 9-4.

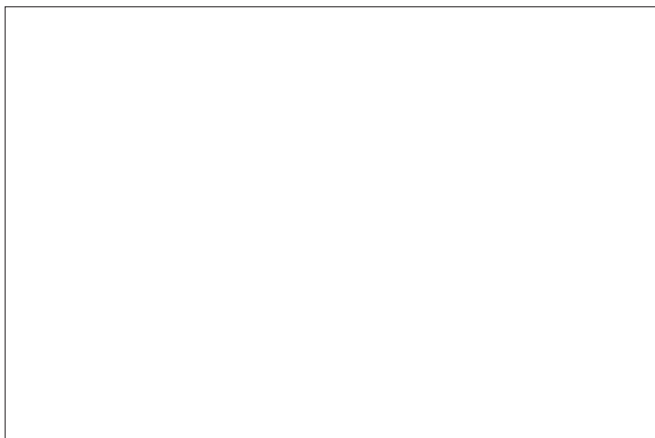
In the top of the sixth, Ramstein had only one hit with no runs. That left the door open for Incirlik to make their move, scoring four more runs and finishing the inning breathing down Ramstein's neck, 9-8.

Ramstein's women didn't pull any runs in the seventh inning, and Incirlik thought they had the game locked until a controversial call at home plate left the game tied, 9-9, at the end of standard play.

Ramstein didn't start the extra innings well. Incirlik knocked them down one, two, three. Ramstein returned the favor, holding Incirlik scoreless, ending the eighth tied, 9-9.

Ramstein was ready to take the lead in the top of the ninth, but ended up stranding two runners. Once again they held their opponents scoreless, 9-9.

In the top of the 10th inning, Ramstein



Master Sgt. Cesar Rodriguez

Jeff Dahlke, Spangdahlem Sabers right fielder, takes his aggression out on the softball Sunday as the Spang men's varsity softball team won the U.S. Air Forces in Europe championship over Ramstein Air Base, 24-18.

stranded another batter, leaving them scoreless.

In the bottom of the 10th, Kelly Estes started off Incirlik with a solid hit to third base. The Incirlik bench responded with cries reminiscent of Xena, the Warrior Princess.

Then, in a somewhat unexpected move, Ramstein's pitcher, Mary Schmitt, intentionally walked the next two batters, leaving the bases loaded.

As Incirlik's Stacy Palmer stepped to the plate, the noise level increased. After three balls in a row, Schmitt threw one over the plate for a strike. With a count of three and one, Palmer hit a bouncer to center field, bringing in Estes for the championship-winning run.

Women all stars

Catcher - Kriston Carrington, Spangdahlem

Pitcher - Wendy Triplett, Aviano

First base - Melissa Errett, Incirlik

Second base - Teri Noffsinger, Ramstein

Short stop - Gina Hilger, Incirlik

Third base - Corrina Vierya, Ramstein

Outfield - Catherine Cline-Casillas, Aviano; Spring Custer, Lakenheath; Lynn Parsons, Incirlik; Alicia Zimmerman, Ramstein; Sportsmanship - April Heintzelman, Incirlik.

Men all stars

Catcher - Sal Vieyra, Ramstein

Pitcher - Clifford Gonzalez, Spangdahlem

First base - Kent McGilligan, Spangdahlem

Second base - Jason Devereaux, Mildenhall

Short stop - Armando Huerta, Aviano

Third base - Brandon Hobeck, Mildenhall; Scott Fisher, Lakenheath

Outfield - Donnie Patrick, Ramstein; Joshua Williams, Spangdahlem; Jason Carroll, Ramstein; Randy Wilhide, Lakenheath;

Notable achievement - Lawrence Stephens, Lakenheath

Sportsmanship - Jason Mathias, Aviano

Sports shorts

Cardio machines broken

The Skelton Memorial Fitness Center currently has a number of cardio machines out of order. The fitness center has just received emergency funds to repair the machines.

Patrons are asked to be patient and understanding until the machines are working again. It's also advised to limit time on cardio machines so other people are able to keep up with their fitness routines. For more information, call 452-6634.

Volleyball practice

High-school age girls in grades 9-12 are invited to join the Bitburg High School volleyball team. Practice runs Monday through Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Fitness center closures

The Skelton Memorial Fitness Center basketball court closes now through Sept. 15 for the Air Force Ball and senior NCO induction ceremony.

Additionally, the entire fitness center closes today from 1 p.m. through Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sept. 14 from 1 p.m. through Sept. 15 at 8 a.m.

Sports Day change

The wing sports day is now Sept. 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Swim team

The Eifel Sharks swim team needs swimmers of all ages and skill levels. Registration is Sept. 18, 3-5 p.m., at the Spangdahlem or Bitburg youth programs.

This registration is also for the "Minnows" league, which is a developmental league designed to prepare swimmers to move up to the team.

Swimmers need to be able to swim one length unassisted to join the Minnows.

The Eifel Sharks is a private organization, so people are requested to call one of the above numbers and not the AYA.

For more information, call 06561-604768 or 06562-966812.

Recreational trips

Outdoor recreation sponsors the following trips. The minimum age for trips is 12, unless listed otherwise. Call 452-7176 or visit the shop in Spangdahlem Air Base building 146, near the Mosel Hall dining facility for more information.

■ Sauer River kayaking, Saturday. Cost is \$30.

■ Luxembourg cave rappel, Sept. 8. Cost is \$30.

■ Castle, cave and spa trip, Sept. 14. Cost is \$45 with spa, \$30 without.

■ Trout fishing, Sept. 15. Cost is \$25.

■ Baltic deep-sea fishing, Sept. 21. Cost is \$70 with gear rental, \$60 with own gear.

■ Bad Wildbad mountain biking park, Sept. 22. Cost is \$45.